

October 16, 1972

To: Lafayette City Council

From: Lafayette Improvement Association

Subject: Certain traffic conditions in Lafayette

1. At its monthly meeting on September 11, 1972, the Board of Directors of the Lafayette Improvement Association voted to request of the City Council a uniform speed limit of 25 miles per hour both ways from the south city limits to Mt. Diablo Blvd. on Moraga Road, and to establish a double-lined no passing area for the same length.

2. Since that meeting certain expressions of opinion and events have indicated that the scope of consideration of the Lafayette Improvement Association was not broad enough. Hence, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors on 16 October, 1972:

WHEREAS

a. Lafayette is faced with problems of traffic speed, traffic congestion, traffic noise, all of which create an unpleasant and dangerous environment, completely at odds with maintaining a rural situation in Lafayette;

b. And whereas these problems are not created by the local residents, but are due to growth in communities surrounding Lafayette;

c. And whereas these problems create added expenses for the City of Lafayette, without any, or very little, compensating income;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lafayette City Council should

-Establish a 25 miles per hour speed limit, with no passing, on Moraga Road, Reliez Valley Road, and St. Marys Road.

-Limit truck traffic to the middle hours of each day, in order to relieve traffic congestion during commuter hours.

-Order extensive and strict enforcement of the above provisions, coupled with checks on muffler and exhaust systems.

-Publicize the traffic regulations to all concerned, residents of Rheem and Moraga, and as many truckers as can be contacted.

-Conduct traffic counts, origins and destination studies on Moraga Road, Reliez Valley Road, and St. Marys Road.

3. The Lafayette Improvement Association is cognizant of the fact that all of the above measures do not attack the heart of the problem, but are merely interim measures. Since a definitive solution to the problems is at least five years off, the Association feels that it is dangerous to postpone effective interim measures, and morally wrong to force inconvenience and danger on the residents of Lafayette, who have had little to do with the creations of the problems involved.

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